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SUBJ: FOREIGN MINISTER REQUESTS ASSEMBLED CHIEFS OF MISSION

ASSIST CHAD'S "OPERATION AGRICULTURE"

1. IN UNPRECEDENTED INITIATIVE, GOC FOREIGN MINISTER DORALTA INVITED CHIEFS OF MISSIONS AND THEIR DCM'S, MEMBERS CONSULAR CORPS, AND INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES RESIDENT NDJAMENA TO MEET WITH HIM AND HIS SENIOR MFA COLLEAGUES DECEMBER 13 AT PALAIS DES CONGRES.

2. FOREIGN MINISTER OBSERVED HE HAD NO DRAMATIC ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE, BUT HOPED ESTABLISH CLOSER AND MORE FREQUENT DIALOGUE WITH DIPLOMATIC CORPS AS WHOLE. NOTED FOREIGN FRIENDS OF CHAD HAD COME TO ASSISTANCE CHAD IN EMERGENCIES OF CHOLERA EPIDEMIC AND DROUGHT, WITH TECHNICIANS, MATERIAL ASSISTANCE, FOOD AND MEDICINES, TRANSPORTATION "AND AIRPLANES." GOC TRULY GRATEFUL FOR PAST EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, AND IS NOW APPEALING TO INTERNATIONAL
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COMMUNITY TO ASSIST IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF CHAD WITH SAME

GENEROSITY, ESPECIALLY IN CHAD "OPERATION AGRICULTURE" WHICH
CONCENTRATING ON COTTON PRODUCTION THIS YEAR. SINGLED

AT US, USSR, AND CHINA AS COUNTRIES WITH LARGE PRODUCTION COTTON BY
TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED METHODS WHICH COULD SUPPLY TECHNOLOGY
AND EQUIPMENT TO CHAD, WHEREAS NEIGHBORING SUDAN AND EGYPT
MIGHT SUPPLY TECHNICIANS. OTHER COUNTRIES COULD ASSIST OTHER
AREAS OF OPERATION AGRICULTURE. FRENCH AMBASSADOR IN CAPACITY
OF DEAN ANSWERED GRACEFULLY ON BEHALF DIPLOMATIC CORPS, WELCOMING
GOC INITIATIVE IN CALLING MEETING, EXPRESSING HOPE THAT THERE
WOULD BE ADDITIONAL MEETINGS AT WHICH SOME OF THE SMALL PROBLEMS
OF DIPLOMATIC LIFE IN NDJAMENA MIGHT BE DISCUSSED, AND CONCLUDING
THAT HE KNEW THE GOC REQUEST WOULD BE GIVEN SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

3. COMMENT: FRENCH AMB IN CAPACITY OF DEAN HAS RECENTLY URGED
BOTH PRESIDENT TOMBALBAYE AND FOREIGN MINISTER MEET MORE
FREQUENTLY WITH AND UTILIZE SERVICES OF RESIDENT DIPLOMATIC CORPS.
IN PREPARATION
FOR SUCH MEETINGS RESIDENT CFM'S HAVE MET TWICE
DISCUSS MUTUAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS LACK MFA REPLY OFFICIAL
COMMUNICATIONS, CUSTOMS DELAYS, LACK ADEQUATE NOTICE FOR ATTEN-
DANCE OFFICIAL EVENTS, ETC. FOREIGN MINISTER'S USE OF FIRST
SUCH MEETING TO SOLICIT FURTHER ECONOMIC AID FOR CHAD WAS THUS
NOT EXACTLY WHAT DEAN OR OTHER COM'S HAD IN MIND. NONETHELESS,
PRECEDENT OF FOREIGN MINISTER AND HIS SENIOR COLLEAGUES MEETING
WITH CORPS IS USEFUL PRECEDENT. FOREIGN MINISTER'S SPECIFIC
REFERENCE TO AIRPLANES IN ENUMERATING AID ASSISTANCE RECEIVED,
INCIDENTALLY, APPEARED INTENTIONALLY DESIGNED ACKNOWLEDGE
BEFORE ASSEMBLED CORPS THAT US/CHADIAN PROBLEMS THIS AREA HAVE
BEEN LAID TO REST.
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